(c) the main attributes to the significant achievements in the spices export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (d) The details of export of spices during the last two years are given below:

Year	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1995-96	2,02,197	785.89
1996-97	2,19,400	1180.00

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta, Spices Board, Cochin.

(c) The significant achievement in the spices export is mainly due to the higher export of pepper, ginger, mint oil and spice oils and oleoresins. The higher unit value realisation in most of the pices has also contributed to the higher level of achievement. Apart from that various export promotion schemes which are oriented towards quality upgradation and value addition have helped to achieve more acceptance for the Indian spices in the overseas markets particularly USA and Western Europe.

Enhanced Export of Pepper

3214. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is global crop shortage of pepper during this year; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to export more black pepper from India which has a comfortable supply position in pepper to earn more foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Though no official figures are available, there are reports of lesser production this Year in Indonesia and Brazil.

(b) Apart from general trade policy reforms, the steps taken to enhance export of spices including pepper are, abolition of cess on export of pepper (except green pepper in brine) to enhance its price competitiveness in the overseas markets; implementation of brand promotion schemes like logo promotion; grant of spice house certificate as a recognition of processor/ exporters of quality products; setting up of laboratories for testing of products; technology transfer; process upgradation and product development.

Export Through EPZs and EOUs

3215. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of our exports through Export Processing Zones and Export Oriented Units during the last three years;

(b) the value contents of exports and imports fo EPZs/EOUs during each of these years;

(c) the name of Export Processing Zones and value of exports from each Zone; and

(d) names of new Export Processing Zones to be developed during the Ninth five year plan?